North Dakota Chess Association

NDCA Newsletter - January 1982

Dedicated to Chess and Education

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

January '82, time for a new year in chess, and time to resolve to play in as many events as possible. This includes the BISON OPEN in Fargo on the 16 & 17th of January, and the ND Closed in Bismarck-Mandan on the 24-25th of April.

It is also time to reflect on the past, and a time to pay special recognition to Stephan Popel. I have the honor to say that he is a friend of mine. Many, many tributes can and will be said about this man over the years. He has been on the battle fields of chess in North Dakota when, if he went 5-0 could only pick up a few dollars and 10 rating points, or lose a bunch. But, he was there, he played, he contributes and he is Chess in North Dakota. Do what you like for him, honor him with tournaments in his name, shower him with praise or gifts or both, but whatever you do, the next time you see him say; "Thank you Stephan, we appreciate it!"

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The BUFFALO OPEN in Jamestown is coming along slowly, due to lack of cooperation with Jamestown facilities & clubs, for sponsorship and information. But we'll keep trying; February looks likely...

The ND Closed, April 24-25, '82 will again be held at the Seven Seas Motor Inn of Mandan. More information in a future flyer...

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I suggest that N.D. consider a Grand Prix. Tournaments counting would be these: ND Open, ND Closed, the Bison, and one other tournament of each player's choosing, as long as it was at least 4 but not more than 6 rounds, and held within the borders of North Dakota. The NDCA and the CDCC of Bis-Man, would help in setting up the prize money.

Our next newsletter should be mailed about the 2nd week of April, or at least before the ND Closed. Anyone wishing to publish, compile, and do the work for that one, should contact LaMoyne, or myself.

--- Ron Schauer, NDCA President

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As of January 5th, the NDCA has the following PAID memberships. Congratulations to you faithful chessplayers!!

RON SCHAUER	JOHN LEITEL	TIM DURKOP
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Inflation?

The first newsletter cost us a pretty penny! $44.83 to be exact. With postage at 20¢ per newsletter, we need your DUES to pay for them, plus other expenses the NDCA has. We mailed about 140 out this time again, in order to promote the association. We urge all members (who haven't paid) to send their dues, ideas, games, etc., so we can be most effective!

Central Dakota Chess Club News

The Bismarck-Mandan club was happy recently, on the news of their future home. The CDCC will stay downtown at City Hall basement, where it will be torn apart, and our location rennovated for better use! We will look much nicer in the springtime! Still meet every Wednesday @ 7:00pm.

Treasurer's Report - NDCA

On Jan. 5, the NDCA has a balance of $775.10. Scholarships can still be claimed by those mentioned in the last newsletter. Letters have been sent to those who were eligible. $587.50 is scholarship money, and $187.60 in the NDCA General Fund. As dues are collected, our bank account should look healthier!

DON'T FORGET! - BISON OPEN - January 16-17, 1982 at NDSU Memorial Union in FARGO! 2 Sections and good prize money. Details in February Chess Life, or contact Cam Starr for more info. See ya there!

"HAPPY NEW YEAR CHESS FANS"
"BEST WISHES FOR 1982"

Brent Askvig of Minot, ND contributed this game with comments. If anyone wishes to send in other games, or ideas, and analysis of interest, please feel free to do so.

B. Askvig - B. Langton QGD, @ 4th Bismarck Open, 1981.

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 e6 3. c4 d5 4. Bg5 Nbd7 5. e3 c5 (more active than the usual c6 of the Orthodox Defense) 6. cd5 ed5 7. Nc3 Be7 8. Bb5 (Now both Knights are pinned and d5 gets weaker and weaker.) 0-0 9. Rc1 a6 10. Bd7 Qd7 11. dc5 Bc5 12. Bf6 gf6 13. Nd5 Be7 14. Nh4! (This keeps the attack going. If 14. Rc7, then Bb4+, 15. Kf1 Qb5+, 16. Kg1 Kg7, and Black is safe.) Bd8 15. Qh5 f5 16. Rd1 (keeping the knight in the center is the best.) Bh4? (This loses control of the all important f6 square. Black had plenty of time to dislodge White's central Knight with Qeb, b5 and Bb7.) 17. Qh4 Qe6 18. Nfb+ Resigns.

We urge any Tournament Director who has a future tournament, to notify NDCA in advance. Thanks!

You can send your NDCA membership fees to the Treasurer. Adults are $5.00, and Junior memb. (under 19) is $3.00, as stated last May.

The NDCA newsletter edited by Ron & LaMoyne.

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